

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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04/02/2024 —
2 before Lent

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday —4th February
2 bfe Lent

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31; Psalm 104. 26-end; Colossians 1. 15-20; John 1. 1-14)

Next Sunday - 11th Feb
Next bfe Lent

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
(1pm Baptism at Wood End)

(Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-12; Psalm 50. 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6; Mark 9. 2-9)

Sunday 18th February
Lent 1

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Genesis 9. 8-17; Psalm 25. 1-9; 1 Peter 3. 18-end; Mark 1. 9-15)

You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page

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or on our Website
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 6th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 12noon Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 7th February

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.00pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (joining details sent on email to members)

Thursday 8th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (2)

Friday 9th February

- 2.30pm Funeral and burial of Michael Hiam at Kingsbury

Saturday 10th February

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

Tuesday 13th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End with ashing
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at Hurley with ashing

Thursday 15th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (3)

Friday 16th February

- 2.30pm Funeral of Olga Franks at Sutton Crem.

"Rites of Way"

Our Lent Reflections Course this year will be an opportunity to explore some of the sacred services that are given to support us in our journey through life. There will be five weekly sessions, looking at Baptism, Holy Communion, Marriage, Funerals, and Confirmation. Each session will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Wednesday mornings at Wood End at 10.15am, and Thursday afternoons at 5pm at Baxterley, starting on Tuesday 20th February. All welcome—come to whichever session suits you best.

Collect for 2 before Lent

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Carol Makepeace
Lauren : Samuel : Hope
Kieran : Bethen : Sean
Kay : Rose Stubbs : Monica Paton
Glenys : Ruth Rogers
Carole Haines : Sandra Priddey
Diane : Fred : Joan : Sandra : Bill
Millie : Abi Coulson : Martha
Trevor : Margaret Pallett
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia
Carole Round : Chris Martin
Louise : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Jane Pratt
John Parkes : John Skeldon
Felicity Cawthra

Preparing for Marriage

Connor & Beth
Michael & Sophie

Those who have died

Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts
Olga Franks : Michael Hiam

Please also pray for.....

Bishop Michael Volland,
Bishop of Birmingham Elect;
..... and any concerns you may
have on your hearts
this week.....



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SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Piccadilly & Pit Hill in Kingsbury; East House Drive in Hurley; The Woodlands in Wood End; and Wigston Hill in Baxterley

Safeguarding Support: If you have a safeguarding matter you need to discuss, speak to our **Parish Safeguarding Officer - Dr. Pru Allington-Smith on 01827 825701** or **Rev. John** or in emergency **the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Steph Haynes on 07342 993844**
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Readings for Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1. 15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Psalms 104. 26-end

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

John 1. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



AN 'APPEAL FOR A PEAL' -

We're raising £4,000 for an 'Appeal for a Peal' - to refurbish the Bells at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kingsbury. You can donate directly by scanning the QR code:



AN APPEAL FOR HURLEY CHURCHYARD

We're raising £5,000 for repairs to Hurley Churchyard Steps and Wall. There is a 'GoFundMe' page here <https://gofund.me/5503e96d> for you to donate online or give direct to either of the Church Wardens.

AN APPEAL FOR BAXTERLEY 'COMFORT' FUND

We're raising a huge amount to get a toilet installed by the school room at Baxterley. All donations gratefully received. You can give online by scanning the QR code here, or give direct to the Church Wardens.



Please keep giving to/sharing these Appeals!



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 23rd March

10.00am to 12noon starting at the Methodist Church in Kingsbury, in aid of Kingsbury Guides Jamboree 2024 fund. Entrance fee £3 per child - please book with Sallyann Blackett on: sallyann@theblacketts.co.uk or phone 07540 266069. Refreshments available at the Methodist Church along with stalls including Easter gifts, raffles and soft archery.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed. 7th February - 7.00pm

Deanery Synod via zoom

Sat. 10th February - 10am to

12noon Kingsbury Green Clean

Wed. 14th February - Ash Weds

HC Services with Ashing:

9.30am Wood End Church

7.00pm Hurley Church

Tues. 20th Feb - Lent Reflections

begin - see overleaf for details.

Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: 999 516 9418

Passcode: **Twigster3**

You can also join by telephone on number: 0203 481 5237 and entering the ID: 999 516 9418 and Code: 570910568

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

Tuesday 13th February at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church— between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times. Open every 2nd & 4th Tuesday!

